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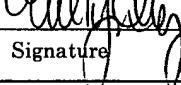
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- The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* the period specified in §1.97(b), but *before* the mailing date of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first. A statement specified in §1.97(e) or a fee set forth in §1.17(p) is included. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

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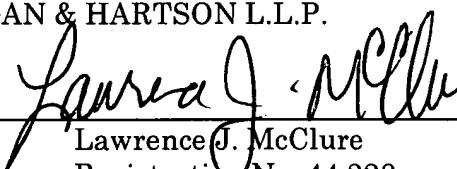
#### NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- Enclosed is a Japanese Office Action and its English translation.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	Japanese Office Action and English translation for Application No. 278595

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